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SOLUTIONS IN ME

1. SUMMARY. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF REPORTED PROGRESS IN SECRETARY'S ME SHUTTLE TALKS, BOTH PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN AND NEW TIMES ARTICLE WARN AGAINST EFFORTS TO SUBSTITUTE PARTIAL MEASURES FOR FULL ME PEACE SETTLEMENT. KOSYGIN AT JALLUD DINNER SAID IT IS NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE GENERAL SETTLEMENT IN ME BECAUSE ISRAEL AND ITS "PARTONS" (THE USUAL VEILED REFERENCE TO THE US) SEEK TO SUBSTITUTE PARTIAL MEASURES FOR GENUINE SETTLEMENT. NEW TIMES' VOLSKIY DEFENDS SOVIET BACKING FOR SYRIAN POSITION ON DISENGAGEMENT AND ATTACKS WESTERN CRITICS OF SOVIET ME POLICY FOR SUGGESTING SOVIETS MAY BE OPPOSED TO ME SETTLEMENT. HE CONCLUDES ARABS UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT SOVIET ME POLICY AND SOVIET ROLE IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT. NEW TIMES ARTICLE ALSO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGES SECRETARY'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHUTTLE TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPEECH AT DINNER ON MAY 14 FOR VISITING LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER, KOSYGIN CATEGORICALLY REAFFIRMED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE AND THREE-POINT BASIS FOR ME SETTLEMENT (TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND LATER, GUARANTEE OF SOVEREIGNTY FOR ALL STATES IN AREA, AND SECURING OF "LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS). HE SAID DISENGAGEMENT MUST BE REGARDED AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A GENERAL SETTLEMENT AND MUST BE FOLLOWED BY FURTHER STEPS TO FULFILL TERMS OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS. THIS MUST BE EMPHASIZED BECAUSE "RECENTLY THERE HAS COME TO LIGHT A PLAN OF THE AGGRESSOR AND HIS PATRONS TO SUBSTITUTE SOME KIND OF PARTIAL MEASURES, CREATING ONLY THE ILLUSION OF RELAXATION IN THE ME, IN PLACE OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING ME SETTLEMENT."

3. IN SAME VEIN NEW TIMES ARTICLE BY VOLSKIY (MAY 10) ASSERTS THAT DAMASCUS BELIEVES DISENGAGEMENT MUST BE A FIRST STEP TOWARD LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED LANDS AND REALIZES " DANGER OF 'ERSATZ PLANS' FOR A ME SETTLEMENT WHICH ARE BEING STRENOUSLY SPREAD IN THE WEST." EFFORTS TO SUBSTITUTE PARTIAL AGREEMENTS FOR ALL-ENCOMPASSING SETTLEMENT WILL NOT SIMPLIFY BUT WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE ATTAINMENT OF DURABLE PEACE.

4. VOLSKIY SAYS ISRAEL'S CONTINUED COLONIZATION OF SINAI SHOWS JUSTICE OF SOVIET-SYRIAN VIEW THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON SEPARATION OF FORCES MUST BE INTERGRAL PART OF A GENERAL SETTLEMENT. SUCH, HE SAYS, IS SYRIAN POSITION IN "SHUTTLE TALKS' WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER IS CONDUCTING." AS BREZHNEV TOLD ASAD, THIS IS COURSE WHICH SOVIET UNION FOLLOWS IN ITS TALKS WITH THE U.S.

5. TAKING ON CRITICS OF SOVIET POLICY, VOLSKIY SAYS SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ARABS DOES NOT PLEASE ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONISTS OR THEIR PATRONS. THUS ONE CAN UNDERSTAND VIEWS OF LONDON SOVIETOLOGISTS AND SENATOR JACKSON'S FARCICAL STATEMENT QUESTIONING SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ME SETTLEMENT. OBJECTIVE OF THESE ATTACKS, HOWEVER, IS TO START A QUARREL BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES AND SOCIALIST STATES. ARABS VIEW A SOVIET ACTIVE ME RIKE AS A GUARANTEE OF THEIR RIGHTS; THIS POINT OF VIEW WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSED IN SOVIET - EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE IN MARCH AND AGAIN IN SOVIET-SYRIAN STATEMENT IN APRIL. MOREOVER, SAYS VOLSKIY, ARABS SEE SYRIAN-SOVIET TALKS ON DISENGAGEMENT, AS WELL AS SOVIET-U.S. CONSULTATIONS, AS CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF SOVIET CONCERN FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN ME. STOESSEL

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